

HENDERSON COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

ALL **MEDIA** CALLS REGARDING CORONAVIRUS SHOULD BE ROUTED TO 828-694-6064

ALL **CLINICAL** CALLS RELATED TO CORONAVIRUS SHOULD BE ROUTED 828-694-6019

NC CORONAVIRUS HOTLINE: 1-866-462-3821

Report Type: Weekly Situation Report	Report Status: Interim Update
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Incident Information	
Jurisdiction: Henderson County	
Incident Name: COVID 19	Report Preparer Name: Anita Glance

General Situation

Background:

There is an expanding outbreak of COVID-19 caused by a novel (new) coronavirus. The outbreak began in China but is spreading worldwide. Initially, many of the patients reportedly had some link to a large seafood and animal market, suggesting animal-to-person spread. Since then, sustained (ongoing) person-to-person spread in the community is occurring in some international locations. The newly emerged COVID-19 is a respiratory disease that seems to be spreading much like flu. It can spread from person-to-person. The new virus can cause illness varying from mild to severe.

Global Situation at time of report:

- Global Numbers as of this report:

	Confirmed Cases	Deaths
Total	266,073	11,184

Current global numbers may be accessed at: <https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/situation-reports/>

- On 20 March 2020 WHO updated case definitions: [https://www.who.int/publications-detail/global-surveillance-for-human-infection-with-novel-coronavirus-\(2019-ncov\)](https://www.who.int/publications-detail/global-surveillance-for-human-infection-with-novel-coronavirus-(2019-ncov))
- On 11 March 2020, WHO characterized COVID-19 as a pandemic and we remain in the acceleration phase of the curve where cases will increase and social distancing is suggested.
- On 1/30, the World Health Organization issued a Public Health Emergency of International Concern declaration.

US Situation at time of report:

- COVID-19 in US (50 states & District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam, and US Virgin Islands):

	US Confirmed Cases
Travel Related	337
Close Contact	321
Under Investigation	14,561
Repatriated from Wuhan, China	3
Repatriated from Diamond Princess Cruise Ship	46
Total US Cases	15,268
Deaths in US	201

Current US numbers may be accessed at: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/cases-in-us.html>

- CDC Travel Warnings <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/index.html>:

CDC Travel Warning	Countries
Entry to US of foreign nationals suspended	China Iran Most European Countries United Kingdom & Ireland
Countries with “widespread sustained (ongoing) transmission” Level 3 – Avoid Nonessential Travel	China Iran Most European Countries United Kingdom & Ireland Malaysia Australia Canada Brazil Japan Israel South Korea
Countries with “sustained (ongoing) transmission” Level 2 - Older adults and those with chronic medical conditions should consider postponing non-essential travel	Global Outbreak Notice
Countries with “risk of limited community transmission” Level 1 - travelers should practice usual precautions	None

- Twenty-seven U.S. states are reporting some community spread of COVID-19.
- On March 16, the White House announced a program called “15 Days to Slow the Spread”, which is a nationwide effort to slow the spread of COVID-19 through the implementation of social distancing at all levels of society. https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/03.16.20_coronavirus-guidance_8.5x11_315PM.pdf
- 3/13/2020 the President of the United States declared the COVID-19 outbreak a National Emergency.
- 3/8/2020 CDC & State Department issue recommendation to defer cruise ship travel and non-essential long plane trips especially for travelers with underlying health issues.
<https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/page/covid-19-cruise-ship>
- HHS Secretary declared a domestic public health emergency on 1/31
- The U.S. government has taken unprecedented steps with respect to travel in response to the growing public health threat posed by this new coronavirus:
 - Effective February 2, 2020 at 5pm, the U.S. government suspended entry of foreign nationals who have been in China within the past 14 days.

- Effective February 29, 2020 the U.S. government suspended entry of foreign nationals who have been in Iran within the past 14 days.
- U.S. citizens, residents and their immediate family members who have been in Hubei province and other parts of mainland China are allowed to enter the United States, but they are subject to health monitoring and possible quarantine for up to 14 days.
- See more at: "[Proclamation on Suspension of Entry as Immigrants and Nonimmigrants of Persons who Pose a Risk of Transmitting 2019 Novel Coronavirus](#)".
- Some commercial labs are now conducting tests. CDC provides [recommended criteria](#) to guide decisions on testing, but clinicians will be able to order COVID-19 testing for individuals as they see fit.

NC Situation at time of report:

NC Cases	NC Deaths
184	0

Current NC numbers can be accessed at: <https://www.ncdhhs.gov/covid-19-case-count-north-carolina>

- As of 3/21/2020 - 5,276 tests have been completed by the NC State Laboratory of Public Health and reporting hospital and commercial laboratories.
- Call for Doctors/Nurses/Non-Clinical Volunteers: <https://files.nc.gov/ncdhhs/Volunteer-as-Health-Care-Worker.pdf>
- Second Primary Rescheduled for June 23 Amid COVID-19 Threat: https://www.ncsbe.gov/Press-Releases?udt_2226_param_detail=2103
- 3/20/2020 – Governor Cooper issued Executive Order 119 facilitating Critical Motor Vehicle Operations and Delegating Authority to the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services to Waive Regulations in Order to Expand Access to Child Care and Support Local Health Departments
- On 17 March 2020, Governor Cooper issued Executive Order (EO) 118 limiting operations of restaurants and bars in addition to broadening unemployment insurance benefits in response to COVID-19.
- Effective 16 March 2020, superior court and district court proceedings will be rescheduled for at least 30 days
- On 14 March 2020, the Governor issued EO117 which prohibits mass gatherings of more than 100 people and closed K-12 schools from 16 March to 30 March.
- On 10 March 2020 a State of Emergency was declared (EO 116), issuing Statewide guidance for COVID-19 response.
- Numerous Universities have extended Spring Break, transitioning in person sessions to online. Measures are being taken for students to retrieve their belongings in dormitories.
- 3/10/2020 State Emergency Operations Center activated and state of emergency declared in NC. <https://files.nc.gov/governor/documents/files/EO116-SOE-COVID-19.pdf>
- Joint Information Center established at the State EOC
- 3/10/2020 The following mitigation measures were recommended for people at higher risk by NCDHHS:
 - Avoid crowds (for example concerts, sporting events, church, etc.)
 - Avoid cruise travel and non-essential air travel
- 3/10/2020 The following measures were recommended by NCDHHS for people in the triangle area:
 - Employers should utilize teleworking whenever possible
- 3/10/2020 NCDHHS recommends event organizers implement lenient refund policies and discourage attendance of anyone who is sick.

- 3/10/2020 NCDHHS does NOT recommend the preemptive closing of schools and daycares.
- Approval from the NC Public Health Commission was received to make COVID-19 a reportable disease.
- NCSLPH is now conducting testing and will report presumptive positives. Confirmatory testing will still be conducted at CDC for a period of time.

Henderson County Situation at time of report:

Henderson County Cases	Henderson County Deaths
1	0

Current Henderson County Objectives

1. Protect the health and safety of Henderson County residents by focusing on surveillance, management of PUMs & PUIs, triage, movement, tracking, and laboratory testing. (DPH-EM)
2. Evaluate capacity for the potential increase in confirmed case investigations (DPH)
3. Manage information and provide timely messaging to the public and media by utilizing the Henderson County Local Health Information Team. (DPH-EM)
4. Review isolation and quarantine processes and establish guidelines for implementation and enforcement. (DPH-EM)
5. Provide guidance documents for healthcare providers and other stakeholders. (DPH)
6. Continue to evaluate and coordinate supply chain shortages and needs. (EM)
7. Establish guidelines for Joint Information Center (JIC) operations. (DPH-EM-CM)
8. Coordinate with Pardee-UNC Health to determine goals and logistics for On-Site triage / assessment center (DPH-EM)
9. Establish process for commodity distribution (EM)
10. Establish guidelines for protection of the high risk and vulnerable populations (DPH-EM)
11. Facilitate collaboration of non-profits and community agencies providing essential services (DPH-EM)

Current Henderson County Priorities

1. Conduct contact tracing for positive case.
2. Continue Medical Community Coordination Call
3. Establish regular schedule of coordination conference calls with key stakeholders.
4. Continue coordination with essential service community agencies.

Henderson County Detailed Updates

- 3/21/2020 – Henderson County Department of Public Health notified of first known case of COVID-19 in Henderson County
- 3/20/2020 – Conference call with Long Term Care Facilities
- 3/19/2020 – BRCC Community Assessment Site closed until further notice – pending receipt of additional test kits
- 3/19/2020 – Video with Hola Carolina
https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=1&v=ZseNbYPwEgg&feature=emb_logo
- Ongoing on-site support of BRCC community assessment site
- 3/18/2020 – Joint video messaging with HCDPH, HCEM, HCSO on Sheriff's Facebook page
- 3/17/2020 – Conference call with first responder agencies
- 3/17/2020 – Henderson HR implemented countywide employee updates
- 3/17/2020 – Implemented Employee Risk Assessment for COVID-19 work assignments
- 3/17/2020 – EM disseminated expense tracking guidance for possible future reimbursement
- 3/16/2020 Most recent provider guidance: <https://files.nc.gov/ncdhhs/documents/files/covid-19/COVID-19-Provider-Guidance-031620-Final.pdf>
- 3/15/2020 – Collaboration with Pardee to open community assessment site.

- 3/11/2020 – Resource request process for healthcare providers posted to website:
https://www.hendersoncountync.gov/sites/default/files/fileattachments/health/page/117993/hcem_-_covid-19_resource_requests-2.0.pdf
- 3/9/2020 - Emergency Management developed process for resource requests for healthcare providers.
- 3/8/2020-Updated provider guidance and supporting document posted to website and disseminated via email
- Situation report revised to include guidance updates from CDC and NCDHHS and posted to website 3/8/2020
- Henderson County Coronavirus website updated 3/6/2020
- Weekly SitReps posted to website beginning 3/5/2020
- Epi, LHIT, Community Agency Meeting 3/5/2020
- Beginning Wednesday (3/4/2020), HCDPH will disseminate weekly Situation Reports both internally and to community partners.
- 3/2/2020 Website Updated to reflect COVID-19, Updated provider guidance, what you can do and fact sheet.
- Beginning 3/2/2020 employees will record COVID-19 activities and time spent in those activities on form ICS-214.
- As of 2/27/2020 all media calls related to COVID-19 should be directed to extension 828-694-6064.
- Situation Report implemented 2/6/2020 (Dissemination to EPI, LHIT, HCDPH Staff)
- HCDPH website published 2/5/2020 to include COVID - 19
- Ongoing coordination with and guidance provided to community partners such as EMS and emergency management.
- HCDPH is participating in weekly calls @ 1:00 pm on Tuesdays with NC DHHS and partners

Important Updates

CDC

Date	Title	Link
3/20/2020	Resources for Large Community Events & Mass Gatherings	https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/organizations/guidance-community-faith-organizations.html
3/20/2020	Get Your Community- and Faith-Based Organizations Ready for Coronavirus Disease 2019	https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/organizations/guidance-community-faith-organizations.html
3/19/2020	Disinfecting Your Facility if Someone is Sick	https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prepare/disinfecting-building-facility.html
3/19/2020	Preventing the Spread of Coronavirus Disease 2019 in Homes and Residential Communities	https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/guidance-prevent-spread.html
3/19/2020	Interim Guidance for Administrators of US K-12 Schools and Childcare Programs	https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/guidance-for-schools.html
3/19/2020	Interim Infection Prevention and Control Recommendations for Patients with Suspected or Confirmed Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) in Healthcare Settings	https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/infection-control/control-recommendations.html
3/19/2020	Travelers from Countries with Widespread Sustained (Ongoing) Transmission Arriving in the United States	https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/after-travel-precautions.html
3/19/2020	Information for Healthcare Professionals	https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/index.html

3/19/2020	Taking Advantage of the 15-Day Pause to Slow the Spread of COVID-19	https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/15-day-pause.html
3/18/2020	Interim Guidance for Administrators of US Institutions of Higher Education	https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/guidance-ihe-response.html
3/18/2020	Institutes of Higher Education	https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/colleges-universities/faq.html
NCDHHS		
Date	Title	Link
3/20/2020	Guidance letter to LME/MCOs	https://files.nc.gov/ncdhhs/COVID-Letter-to-LME-MCOs-03-19-2020.docx.pdf
3/20/2020	Governor's Executive Order 119 Facilitating Critical Motor Vehicle Operations and Delegating Authority to the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services to Waive Regulations in Order to Expand Access to Child Care and Support Local Health Departments	https://files.nc.gov/governor/documents/files/EO119.pdf
3/20/2020	Food Safety Guidance for School Meal Delivery	https://ehs.ncpublichealth.com/docs/covid19/DeliveryMealsFinal-032020.pdf
	NC Medicaid Policy Modifications	https://medicaid.ncdhhs.gov/about-us/coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19-and-nc-medicare
3/20/2020	Interim Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) General Guidance for Behavioral Health and Intellectual and Developmental Disability (BHIDD) Group Homes	https://files.nc.gov/ncdhhs/NC-Interim-Guidance-for-BHIDD-Group-Homes-3-20-20-Final.docx
3/20/2020	CMS Guidance for Infection Control and Prevention of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) in dialysis facilities	https://www.cms.gov/files/document/qso-20-19-esrd.pdf
3/19/2020	NC Interim Guidance for Homeless Shelters and Service Providers	https://files.nc.gov/ncdhhs/documents/files/covid-19/NC-Interim-Guidance-for-Homeless-Shelters-and-Service-Providers-3-19-20.docx

Important Contact Information & Resources	
CDC	
Website	https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html
Interim Infection Prevention and Control Guidelines for Patients with Known or Patients Under Investigation for 2019 Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) in a Healthcare Setting:	https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/hcp/infection-control.html
Preventing COVID-19 Spread in Communities (Education, Businesses, Events, etc.)	https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/index.html
Communication Resources	https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/communication/index.html
NCDHHS	
General Information Website	https://www.ncdhhs.gov/divisions/public-health/coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19-response-north-carolina
Guidance for Providers & Others	https://www.ncdhhs.gov/divisions/public-health/coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19-response-north-carolina/covid-19-guidance
Strategies for Scarce Resource Situations	https://epi.dph.ncdhhs.gov/cd/coronavirus/Healthcare%20Guidance%20for%20PPE%20Resource%20Requests.pdf
	https://epi.dph.ncdhhs.gov/cd/coronavirus/PPE%20Request%20Process.pdf
	https://epi.dph.ncdhhs.gov/cd/coronavirus/Scarce%20Resource%20Management%20Phases.pdf
NC Coronavirus Public Hotline	1-866-462-3821
HCDPH	
Coronavirus Website	https://www.hendersoncountync.gov/health/page/public-health-advisory-coronavirus-2019-ncov
Communicable Disease Line	Phone: 828-694-6019 Fax: 828-697-4504